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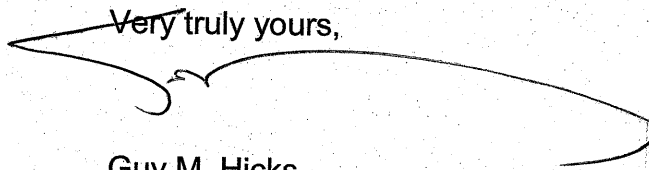
Re: *Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service*
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Director Jones:

BellSouth is in receipt of the *Notice of Status Conference and Filing* issued on April 10, 2003 in the referenced matter. BellSouth is preparing its response but needs additional time to complete its response and respectfully requests a 24-hour extension on the filing deadline. This one-day extension would allow BellSouth to file its response by close of business on Tuesday, April 15, 2003 and would not unduly prejudice any party.

A copy of this letter is being provided to counsel of record in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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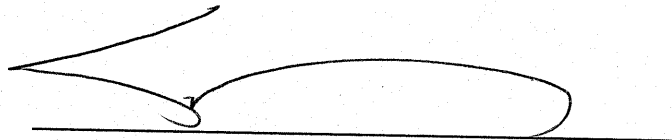
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